

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY AUGUST 23, 2004 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 127 new fires reported. Four large fires were contained, two each in the Northwest and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, California, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming.

Hurricane Charley, Florida. A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on 8/13. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned to provide logistical and resource support. The team will work jointly with the GSA, FEMA, the U.S. Army and Air Force, Army Corps of Engineers, Florida Division of Forestry, Florida State Emergency Response Team, Florida National Guard, Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Lakeland Airport Authority, the Salvation Army and state and local law enforcement agencies. Four Florida State Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Beauchamp, Jones, Crow and Koehler) are assigned in Charlotte, Hardee and DeSoto Counties, and the city of Lakeland. The Teams are managing supply distribution centers, disaster recovery and two 300 person camps.

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLAND MOUNTAIN #2, Oregon Department of Forestry. An Oregon Department of Forestry Incident Management Team (Mair) is assigned. This fire is located ten miles east of Canyonville, OR in timber and grass. Precipitation limited fire activity to slow moving ground fire. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

FISCHER, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Anderson) is assigned. This fire is four miles southeast of Leavenworth, WA in grass, brush and timber. Precipitation limited fire behavior to smoldering and creeping. Mandatory evacuations have been lifted for Olalla, Hay, Nahahum, Jude and Spring Canyons.

WILLIAMS BUTTE COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. This complex, consisting of the Williams Butte and Crescent fires, is located 15 miles southwest of Winthrop, WA in timber. Creeping with isolated single tree torching was observed. Lohrey's Incident Management Team will also manage the Freezout Complex.

POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington State Interagency Incident Management Team (Jennings/Perry) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Pot Peak, SiSi Ridge and Deep Harbor fires, is 15 miles northwest of Chelan, WA in timber. Fire behavior throughout the complex was characterized by smoldering, creeping, and backing fire. Voluntary evacuation notifications remain in effect.

FREEZEOUT COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A transfer of command from a Fire Use Management Team (Cook) to a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) will occur at 1800 PDT. This complex, located 65 miles northeast of Bellingham, WA in timber, is comprised of the Freezeout and Freezeout 2 suppression fires, and the Devil's Creek and Jack Wildland Fire Use (WFU) fires. Minimal fire activity was reported due to precipitation. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

EAGLE CAP COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Hall) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, comprised of the Goat Mountain, Jim White Ridge and Hazel Mountain 2 fires, located ten miles east of Cove, OR in timber, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No new information was reported.

SWIFT CREEK, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This fire is ten miles north of Concrete, WA in timber. No further information was received. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

DOWNEY CREEK, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This fire is 16 miles north of Darrington, WA in timber. No further information was received. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

SURVEY POINT, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This fire is 12 miles northwest of Concrete, WA in timber. No further information was received. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

DIRTY FACE PEAK, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. This fire is 20 miles north of Leavenworth, WA in timber. Smoldering and creeping were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLAND MOUNTAIN #2	OR	ORS	3,666	60	UNK	1,216	59	36	0	5	1.1M
FISCHER	WA	OWF	16,422	85	UNK	1,720	41	91	12	1	11.5M
WILLIAMS BUTTE COMPLEX	WA	OWF	1,250	60	UNK	611	21	0	10	0	2.1M
POT PEAK/SISI RIDGE COMPLEX	WA	OWF	47,470	85	UNK	488	10	14	6	3	24.9M
FREEZEOUT COMPLEX	WA	OWF	818	17	UNK	19	0	0	0	0	2.5M
EAGLE CAP COMPLEX-WFU	OR	WWF	872	N/A	N/A	30	1	0	1	0	103K
SWIFT CREEK	WA	MSF	170	NR	UNK	NR	0	1	1	0	NR
DOWNEY CREEK	WA	MSF	193	NR	UNK	NR	0	0	0	0	NR
SURVEY POINT	WA	MSF	NR	NR	UNK	NR	0	0	1	0	NR
DIRTY FACE PEAK	WA	OWF	295	90	UNK	30	1	0	0	0	790K
HIGHLANDS COMPLEX	WA	NES	444	100	---	442	17	37	1	0	1.6M
BYBEE COMPLEX	OR	CLP	82	100	---	216	2	5	4	0	1.7M

NES = Washington Department of Natural Resources, Northeast

CLP = Crater Lake National Park

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CENTRAL COMPLEX, Bureau of Land Management, Upper Yukon Zone. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Crazy, Bolgen Creek, Rock Creek, Preacher Creek, Middle Birch, Big Bluff and Takoma Bluff fires, is surrounding Central, AK in spruce and hardwoods. Fire behavior consisted of torching, crown runs and spotting in areas of heavier fuels.

TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX, Alaska Division of Forestry, Tok Area Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jandt) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Billy Creek, Gardiner Creek, Chicken and Porcupine fires, is 35 miles northwest of Tok, AK in black spruce and tundra. Fire activity on the Porcupine, Chicken and Billy Creek was characterized by ground fire and torching. Fire activity increased on the Gardiner Creek due to strong winds.

GLACIER CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Kenai-Kodiak Area. This fire is 31 miles southeast of Soldotna, AK in timber. Wind-driven fire behavior was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CENTRAL COMPLEX	AK	UYD	427,000	20	UNK	654	16	10	6	15	7.8M
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	1,203,427	2	UNK	342	10	9	6	6	10.5M
GLACIER CREEK	AK	KKS	1,500	NR	UNK	7	0	0	0	0	NR

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NORTH STAR BUTTE	ID	PAF	1,030	100	---	304	7	0	3	0	2.8M
BEAR SPRING	ID	SCF	1,005	100	---	222	3	1	3	0	NR

PAF = Payette National Forest

SCF = Salmon-Challis National Forest

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watches: For strong northeast winds for northern interior of Alaska, and Tuesday for strong northeast winds for the central and southern interior of Alaska. For southwest Utah for strong winds and low relative humidity.

Weather Discussion: A low pressure trough will bring cool weather and scattered showers and thunderstorms to the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies. Meanwhile, a drier southwest flow should prevail across the southern Sierra and the southern Great Basin. In Alaska, a slow cooling trend continues as high pressure weakens and begins to move out of the state. A dry cold front is expected to usher in gusty winds and cooler temperatures to the northern interior.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHWEST AREA East of the Cascades: Rain near Cascades early, otherwise showers and isolated thunderstorms. West of the Cascades: Rain.	50s mountains. 60s elsewhere.	East of the Cascades: 50 to 65%. West of the Cascades: 70 to 80%.	West to southwest 20 to 30 mph over the Cascades and across southeast Oregon. South to southwest 10 to 20 mph elsewhere.
ALASKA Eastern Interior: Mostly sunny and smoky.	Eastern Interior: 70s.	Eastern Interior: 28 to 40%.	Eastern Interior: East to northeast increasing to 15 to 25 mph in the north.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly cloudy, breezy and much cooler with scattered showers or thunderstorms. Utah, Arizona Strip: Mostly sunny in southwest Utah and the Arizona Strip with windy conditions and low relative humidity. Otherwise partly to mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers and thunderstorms.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 46 to 59 mountains. 60 to 74 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 59 to 77 northwest Utah. 68 to 83 mountains. 84 to 99 valleys. 96 to 104 Lake Mead area.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 36 to 85% mountains. 32 to 59% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 23 to 47% northwest Utah. 18 to 40% mountains. 11 to 30% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Southwest or west 10 to 20 mph. Utah, Arizona Strip: Southwest or northwest 15 to 30 mph.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Mostly cloudy north with isolated showers and thunderstorms; partly sunny south.	70 to 82 north valleys. 80 to 91 south valleys. 60 to 75 mountains.	20 to 30% north valleys. 11 to 20% south valleys. 25 to 40% mountains.	Southwest to west at 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 30 mph.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys. Otherwise partly cloudy.	65 to 75 coastal areas. 70 to 85 mountains. 80 to 90 valleys. 85 to 95 upper deserts. 95 to 105 lower deserts.	30 to 45% valleys. 15 to 30% mountains. 10 to 20% deserts.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Partly cloudy to cloudy with showers and light rain in the north.	50s to low 60s higher elevations. Upper 60s to near 80 lower elevations.	25 to 40%.	Southwest to west 8 to 14 mph; gusts 25 to 35 mph over the higher elevations.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Isolated afternoon thunderstorms across Wyoming, South Dakota and eastern plains. Isolated dry lightning western South Dakota.	70s to 80s. 90s central plains and southern Front Range. 65 to 75 mountains.	Less than 20% over eastern Wyoming, western South Dakota, western and eastern Colorado.	Southeast 10 to 30 mph over eastern plains.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

FREQUENT SPOT FIRES ACROSS THE LINE

There are few watchout situations that state more clearly how much potential your fire has for rapid, uncontrolled growth. Consider the following questions if you are getting spot fires across your line:

- Can you handle increased spotting? List some ways you can keep ahead of spot fires (gridding the green, lookouts, etc.)
- Do you have a plan for long-range spotting? In what fuel type and under what conditions will you likely have long-range spotting? What types of plans can you think of for handling long-range spotting?
- Is help available if necessary? What kinds of resources will you have in place or order to handle spot fires?
- If fire behavior increases, is your position still defensible? Discuss what type of action you might take if a spot fire takes off.
- Do you have more than one safety zone in case one gets cut off? Describe how you might have multiple safety zones.
- Do the primary lookouts have a good view of the situation? Discuss who might be acting as a lookout (e.g., crew member, air resources, etc.) and how you will get good information from that person. (Are you relying on an air attack who is busy with airtankers?)
- Is the primary burning period ending? Talk about how your tactics may vary from finding spot fires early in the day to later into the evening. Review Probability of Ignition (PIG) and what it can tell you about spotting potential.
- To reduce the risk, be ready to retreat. Keep your guard up even if spotting has not occurred for a few hours. Review fires where you have had frequent spot fires and what you learned about controlling them.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			0		0		0
	ACRES			73,021		33,201		106,222
Northwest	FIRES	1	3				31	35
	ACRES	0	20				6	26
Northern California	FIRES					18	3	21
	ACRES					6	0	6
Southern California	FIRES		4			8	3	15
	ACRES		0			1	0	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1			1	6	6	14
	ACRES	0			0	2	0	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		9			3	5	17
	ACRES		49			1	1	51
Western Great Basin	FIRES		11					11
	ACRES		205					205
Southwest	FIRES	2				1	1	4
	ACRES	3				4	0	7
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3				2	5
	ACRES		0				0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					2	3	5
	ACRES					1	3	4
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	4	30	0	1	38	54	127
	ACRES	3	274	73,021	0	33,216	10	106,524

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	58	71	18	439	16	608
	ACRES	6,065	1,114,898	1,353,657	29,121	2,794,940	5	5,298,686
Northwest	FIRES	321	288	34	60	1,469	1,211	3,383
	ACRES	22,645	2,730	449	258	9,538	57,663	93,283
Northern California	FIRES	103	85	10	31	2,066	858	3,153
	ACRES	136	1,741	7	472	37,655	9,612	49,623
Southern California	FIRES	36	89	19	44	2,387	638	3,213
	ACRES	668	5,889	1,866	29	61,709	6,343	76,504
Northern Rockies	FIRES	912	69	19	13	743	775	2,531
	ACRES	5,151	1,449	1,062	3	15,151	7,310	30,126
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	51	732	6	44	428	724	1,985
	ACRES	455	32,658	11	57	7,247	47,283	87,711
Western Great Basin	FIRES	15	573	10	17	85	137	837
	ACRES	315	17,949	2,664	50	7,925	8,010	36,913
Southwest	FIRES	650	135	5	71	641	1,491	2,993
	ACRES	5,154	4,975	201	513	6,925	281,740	299,508
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	317	445	34	43	385	392	1,616
	ACRES	4,027	9,065	1,272	37	21,373	4,469	40,243
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		47	29	7,317	449	8,331
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	109	56,814	5,621	69,973
Southern Area	FIRES	130		59	42	24,631	576	25,438
	ACRES	15,806		13,712	1,067	314,536	73,312	418,433
TOTAL	FIRES	3,030	2,474	314	412	40,591	7,267	54,088
	ACRES	65,516	1,191,354	1,377,236	31,716	3,333,813	501,368	6,501,003

Ten Year Average Fires	60,605
Ten Year Average Acres	3,368,527

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					0		0
	ACRES					402		402
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	402	0	402

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			5		6
	ACRES		32,000			15,899		47,899
Northwest	FIRES	38	78	43	1		262	422
	ACRES	7,626	6,823	3,781	30		58,329	76,589
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	96	18		183	350
	ACRES	251	731	14,138	2,690		22,617	40,427
Southern California	FIRES		4	20	10		76	110
	ACRES		27	1,686	718		6,213	8,644
Northern Rockies	FIRES	37	8	74	3	45	367	534
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,535	63,665
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	3	3	18	46	94
	ACRES	149	7,852	547	1,102	1,490	17,715	28,855
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7	5			5	17
	ACRES		1,248	541			971	2,760
Southwest	FIRES	14	15	7	10		292	338
	ACRES	2,796	4,846	12,769	7,779		66,305	94,495
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	41	147	18	12	113	373
	ACRES	5,117	11,861	22,280	13,264	3,947	45,672	102,141
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		367	23	1,066	192	1,668
	ACRES	14,454		42,699	4,443	73,607	28,298	163,501
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	75	393	1,121	1,844
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	70,652	212,745	999,445	1,383,196
TOTAL	FIRES	217	216	966	161	1,539	2,657	5,756
	ACRES	40,781	68,019	202,794	101,724	310,754	1,288,100	2,012,172

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				52,266			52,266
Northwest	FIRES				5		7	12
	ACRES				200		1,545	1,745
Northern California	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				15		0	15
Southern California	FIRES				7		2	9
	ACRES				4,312		222	4,534
Northern Rockies	FIRES				14		61	75
	ACRES				0		1,551	1,551
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		39	40
	ACRES				0		8,433	8,433
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12		2			14
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIRES				9		24	33
	ACRES				320		10,324	10,644
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		22	3	2	0	4	31
	ACRES		6,996	295	0	2,271	612	10,174
Eastern Area	FIRES				3		1	4
	ACRES				1,436		1	1,437
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				3,007			3,007
TOTAL	FIRES	0	34	3	48	0	141	226
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	61,556	2,271	22,688	94,299

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	17	0	2,314	206,363
Yukon Territory	4	0	266	1,453,101
Alberta	2	0	1,506	211,248
Northwest Territory	0	0	282	284,773
Saskatchewan	0	0	316	224,026
Manitoba	0	0	221	4,894
Ontario	1	0	349	1,488
Quebec	1	0	243	2,829
Newfoundland	0	0	140	8,382
New Brunswick	0	0	235	289
Nova Scotia	0	0	241	241
Prince Edward Island	0	0	18	15
National Parks	1	0	88	184,674
Total	26	0	6,219	2,582,323

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska	22	6	7	12	2	13			264	156
Northwest	51	117	15	211	20	36			801	665
Northern California	8	18	12	64		2			23	174
Southern California	4		3		6				11	
Northern Rockies			6	4	2				9	3
Eastern Great Basin	10	1	2	1	8				150	82
Western Great Basin			3		1					
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain									4	2
Eastern Area									6	
Southern Area										
Total	95	142	48	292	39	51	0	0	1268	1082

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